

Welcome to information about our Parish Groups

Altar Servers



We have a wonderful team of Altar Servers. You can join them if you have made your 1st Communion or are in Year 4 or above.

Contact: Fr Philip

APF – Mill Hill Missions – St Joseph’s Missionary Society



We are an international fellowship of Catholic missionaries dedicated to announcing the Good News of Jesus Christ to people throughout the world. The mission and work of the Mill Hill Missionaries find expressions in various forms and ways. The last Chapter in 2005 redefined mission as the heart of the Society and challenged all members to live out the priorities of the Society in their respective ministries, responding appropriately to the challenges of secularisation and globalisation in the local churches where they serve.

Contact: Gerry McCusker

Bereavement Team and Funeral Ministers



In the Catholic Church the responsibility for the ministry of consolation rests with the believing community, which heeds the words and example of the Lord Jesus: "Blessed are they who mourn; they shall be consoled (Matthew 5:3). Each Christian shares in this ministry according to the various gifts and offices in the Church. The priest

and members of the community both have a part to play in caring for the bereaved. The community involvement is principally through active participation in the celebration of the funeral rites, particularly the vigil for the deceased, the funeral liturgy and the rite of committal.

In the face of death, the Church confidently proclaims that God has created each person for eternal life and that Jesus, the Son of God, by his death and resurrection has broken the chains of sin and death that bound humanity.

Priests, as teachers of faith and ministers of comfort, preside at the funeral rites. When no priest is available deacons as ministers of the word, of the altar and of charity preside at funeral rites. When no priest or deacon funeral rites may be led by a Lay Funeral Minister. Lay Funeral Ministers will have been chosen as people with pastoral skills and will have taken part in approved training and been commissioned by the Archbishop. At Holy Rosary Lay Funeral Ministers can preside at Rites of Committal at the graveside or crematoria. They will also preside at services in church.

The ministry of consolation is also exercised at Holy Rosary by a Bereavement Group who assist at funerals, who offer prayer for the deceased and their family, will stay in touch with the family beyond the funeral and will organise a Mass in November each year. All the families of the deceased who have died in the past year are invited to this Mass. The Bereavement Team will also visit the bereaved homes to lead prayers prior to the funeral rites and very often this will include the recitation of the Rosary.

Contact: The Bereavement Team – via the parish office 526 8468 or email holyrosary@rcaolp.co.uk

Cafod



CAFOD Contact: Joe Collins

Food bank



We support local food banks whenever we can throughout the year, especially for those in need who find it harder to make ends meet at certain times of year.

Details about food bank collections are published throughout the year via the parish newsletter.

Contact: The SVP

Music Group

Contact: Lisa Backstrom

Eucharistic Ministers



Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist serve the parish by administering the Lord's Body and Blood at all Masses. Some also take Holy Communion to the sick and frail at home.

If you feel called to serve God in this way, please **contact Tony Barker or Fr Philip**

Church Readers

Who are we?



The parish readers perform a wonderful ministry in the life of the parish by proclaiming the Word of God at Mass and other services.

Contact: Joe Collins

Holy Rosary Ladies

The Holy Rosary Ladies Group meet on the first and 3rd Monday of the month at 8.00pm in the Parish Centre (next to the Church). We try to provide a variety of speakers and entertainment. Admission is £1 which includes refreshment and raffle. We also have summer and Christmas prize Bingo nights and fundraising coffee mornings. We would welcome new members and visitors to our group. Our events are advertised in the weekly parish newsletter.

Contact: pattibannon@hotmail.co.uk.
Mob - 07944157777.

Holy Rosary Parish Centre

The Centre can provide an ideal venue for all types of parties and functions from Wedding parties to Christenings, Birthdays, Anniversaries and Funerals.

Contact: The Club Manager (Wendy) on 526 1040 or 07377341988

SVP



The St Vincent de Paul Society (or as it is often known - the SVP) is an international Christian voluntary organisation dedicated to tackling poverty and disadvantage by providing practical assistance to those in need – irrespective of ideology, faith, ethnicity, age or gender. The Society is a lay organisation initially formed in Paris in 1833 by Blessed Frédéric Ozanam and his companions. It seeks, in the spirit of justice and charity, to help those who are suffering poverty in whatever form. The SVP meets every fortnight and carries out often unseen work of caring for families and individuals in acute need

We welcome all parishioners to either join or feel free to offer their services whenever they wish. We visit the housebound or those in Care/Nursing Homes who have no or very few other visitors. We provide transport to Church, clinic appointments, hospital appointments, etc. for those who would not otherwise be able to attend independently.

Contact: The SVP phone on 07763754687

Uniformed Groups:

We have the following groups, open to both girls and boys: -

Beavers – 6-8 year olds. Tuesdays, 6-7pm

Cubs – 8-10½ year olds. Wednesdays, 7-8pm

Scouts – 10½-14½ year olds. Thursdays, 8-9.30pm

Explorers – 14½-18 year olds. Thursdays, 8-9:30pm



Contact Names

Greg McCusker (Group Scout Leader) - 07894 607891

John Short (Chairman of the group) – 07799 777449

Flower Arrangers



We are a small friendly group of ladies (men welcome) who organise the flowers in Holy Rosary Church throughout the Liturgical Year. We meet, during the day, in the Romero Room at the side of the Church to discuss the flowers for forthcoming weeks and organise the flower rota.

Contact: Colette Price via the parish office on 526 8468

Schools

Catholic Schools are a vital part of our mission as a believing, teaching, proclaiming community.



Holy Rosary Primary School

Our Mission Statement is:-

"Together as a family, we love, learn and grow in the presence of God".

Aims of the School

To be a Christian community, living the Gospel values and fostering the spiritual, moral, personal and social development of all pupils.

Information about the school can be found on its web site:

<http://www.holyrosaryschool.co.uk/>

Welcomers + Collectors

We consider that it is important that everyone is personally welcomed as they come into our churches. Each Sunday at Mass there are people to greet you and hand out Mass leaflets and newsletters.

At each Mass we make a gift to God for the work of His church in the local area. Collectors help this to happen at each of the Masses.

We are always looking for new people to take up these roles so get in touch if this is something you can get involved in.

Children's Liturgy Catechists

At Mass at 10:30 am children can take part in their own Liturgy of the Word. This helps children understand the readings at their own level. The catechists prepare suitable materials each week that help children to actively engage in God's Word. You can join this team by speaking to one of the catechists.

Contact: The parish office.

Fit for Life

Interested in meeting other parents?

We are a small and friendly group who come to Mass together and then go for a coffee and a chat in the Hope Café. We meet in Church for the 9.10am Mass on the firsts Thursday of the month, during term time.

Please just turn up or contact Yvette via the Parish Office.

Baptism Preparation Team



This Team of parishioners play a great part in welcoming those preparing to celebrate Baptism. They welcome the families at Mass, they lead the Baptism Course and they are present at the baptism of the children. This all helps those unfamiliar with the Church to feel a valued part. The team works on a rota basis, so you are on duty for a month every quarter.

Baptism Preparation Team

Fr. Philip Inch
Maureen O'Brien
Ann Pepper
Lisa Backstrom
Jo Baines
Kathy Collins
Pauline Crabtree
Nicola Lewis
Joanne Owen
Claire Ravenscroft

If you would consider being part of this Team, please contact Fr Philip or Pauline: 526 8468.

With you Always



Can you give some of your time to work with families of the Year 4 children as they prepare for Confession and Holy Communion. We need some help, usually in March, for 2 hours on a Tuesday evening. You will not be expected to lead any sessions, just provide help and encouragement.

If you can help, please contact Jo via the Parish Office.

Church cleaners



The church is kept beautiful each week for the parish community and local community to enjoy. The dedication of church cleaners helps this to happen. If you are willing to give an hour of your time each week whether you are a regular worshipping member of Our Lady's or not your help would be appreciated.

The cleaners "work" after the morning Mass on a Tuesday.

The Parish Council

The Parish is guided by a group of people who represent different facets of parish life. This group meet regularly and has the task of overseeing the growth and development of the Parish.

Members: Fr Philip Inch, Anthony Barker, Angela Barker, Maureen O'Brien, Kathy Collins, Michelle Parker, Michael Parker, Lisa Backstrom, Joanne Baines, John Short, Joanne Richardson, Pauline Crabtree.

Parish Council Co-chairs: Maureen O'Brien and Tony Barker.

Piety Shop



At the back of the church is a well-stocked piety shop. Here you will find gifts and items for all occasions; a selection of cards (including Mass cards), seasonal items, First Holy Communion and Baptism gifts. You can also purchase Catholic papers and devotional materials for your spiritual life. Mass cards and Our Lady Mass Association cards can be obtained from the shop.

Contact: Jan Moretta.

Sacristans



Welcome to the Sacristan Ministry! We hope you find this to be a very rewarding and meaningful ministry and enjoy making our liturgies go as smoothly as possible for our fellow parishioners. Below is a list of frequently asked questions regarding the sacristan ministry. We hope that you will prayerfully consider joining our ministry!

What does a sacristan do?

As Sacristan, we have three main roles: **Security** (of the sacristy and church), **Mass Set-Up** and **Clean-Up**

Mass set up and clean up: At every Mass, you are responsible for setting up for both Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist which means preparing all the books, vessels, offertory, and incense when appropriate.

Which Mass am I assigned to? You can either help on a weekday at one of the Masses or at one of the Sunday masses perhaps every two to three weeks.

What is the time commitment? On a weekday it means coming to church fifteen minutes before Mass begins and on a Sunday about twenty minutes before Mass. A sacristan locks the sacristy after Mass.

How can I become a sacristan? Please speak to one of the sacristans or Fr Philip.